CAPT. W. G. PULLER PASSES AWAY

The Veteran Chief of Fire **Department Succumbs** to Long Illness.

HE WAS FAITHFUL IN WAR AND PEACE

His Career as a Confederate Soldier and as Fireman from the Ranks to Head of the Department Was Manly and Honorable One-Illness Followed Hard Service.

the fire department, and one of ichmand's best known citizens, died at sterday at his residence, No. 12 hay Street. Ho was sixty-three f age, and had spent much of his tite service of his city and State, I made a record of fidelity to duty

Friday, after which time he did no

Funeral To-Day.

runeral 10-Day.

It funeral services of this brave soland official will take place this afterat 3 o'clock from the Seventh Street stian Church, and will be conducted Rev. Henry Pearce Atkins and Rev. I. Melton, who will officiate in the nec of Rev. Mr. Haley, the paster, services will be attended by Kerd of Fire Commissioners and the department as bodies, and by nearly t will be made. Howing list of pall-bearers has

selected: lorary—President John H. Frisch lorary—President John H. Frisch

Faithful Officer.

Richmond, and had brought his deportment up to a standard so high that it not only appealed to the people of his own city, but challenged the admiration of the big fire insurance companies and of civic authorities in other cities.

The chief was born in King William county, Va. in 1842, and entered the Confederate Army when only seventeen years of age. He was severely wounded at the battle of Mechanicsville on June 29, 1852, and after a short while returned to his command. Later he was taken prisoner in the Gettysburg campaign and spent and after a short while returned to his command. Later he was taken prisoner in the Gettysburg campaign and spent nineteen mouths in prison. He was finally exchanged, and returned to duty, fighting in the field and surrendering with General Lee at Appomattox, He came "from the ground up" in the Fire Department, and knew the business of fighting fire in all its intricate ramifications.

The young soldier came to Righmond shortly after the war with nothing left but a stout heart and a good name, and started the battle of life over again. He embarked in the business of a builder and was fairly successful, making a confortable living for himself and family. fairly successful, making a com-

Made Foreman.

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Maanwhile, in 1875, Captain Puller foined the Fire Department as a member of Steamer Company No. 5, and later became its foreman.

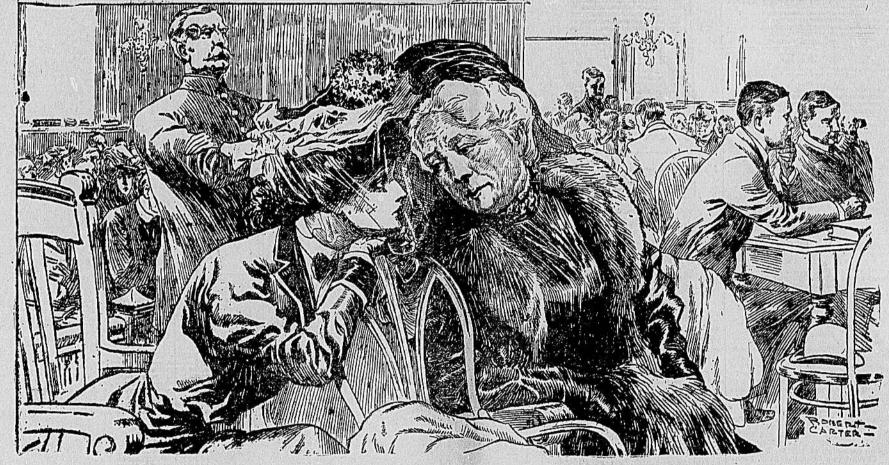
He showed great interest in his work, and in 1882 was elected assistant chief. In 1888 he was made chief, and had served continuously since that time, never having encountered opposition for election.

He was indeed a man of the people, and had the office been one upon which the rank and file had to pass, his election would always have been as certain as it was by the Council. He came into the office of chief at the end of the famous labor fight which raged here in the '80s, and through it all, was a strong leader for law and order. He took charge of the department when it was disorganized and chnotle, and through his fine executive ability, and uniform fidelity to duty, he brought it to a point where to-day it is looked upon as one of the best managed of all the municipal departments.

Active in Politics.

Active in Politics, Captain Puller had from his earliest (Continued on Eighth Page.)

THAW'S WIFE AND MOTHER COMFORTING EACH OTHER.



RAN INTO DITCH AND TURNED OVER

AT PISTOL POINT

Desperate Young Man Held Up

Wife of Millionaire in

Her House.

Mrs. Painter Gave Money, But

Notified Police-Man

Is In Jail.

out success. About 2 o'clock this morning

Street Car Thrown Violently to One Side at Curve on Riverview Track.

MRS. GILL'S NARROW ESCAPE

Orphan Boys Shaken Up, But Continued on Way to Church Service.

A street car on the River View line, left the track at Ashland and Meadow Streets, about 7:30 o'clock last night, running into a ditch, and turned partly on the side. a ditch, and turned partly on the side. In the car were Mrs. J. R. Gill, superintendent of the Male Orphan Asylum, with her niece, Miss Graves, of Norfolk, and ten of the older boys from the asylum, who were on their way to the evening service at the Broad Street Methodist Church.

The whole party were hurled from their seats, and one of the boys was cut about the face by broken glass. The others escaped serious injury, although considerably shaken, and were able to continue on their way to service, walking, to the sheds, where they boarded another.

safe for passengers to get off at this place.

The Riverview line was blocked for more than an hour.

SULTAN'S FAVORITE **CAUGHT WITH GOODS**

Grafted a Whole Shipload of Timber Destined for Hamburg.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 3.— The Sultan has ordered a special com-mission to examino into the charges against Fehmi Pasha, chief of the secrepolice of the palace and a great confi-dent and favorite of the Sultan, who, it dent and favorite of the Sulian, who, it is alleged by the German embassy, recently caused the selzure of a ship's cargo destined for Hamburg. Meanwhile, a prospector of a forest near Midhah, on the Black Sea, has taken refuge in the German embassy for protection against Fehmi Pasha. He recently was detailed as a prisoner for a fortnight by Fehmi Pasha, who forced him by frequent beatings to sign a document agreeing to pay him 20 per cent. of the income of his forest industry. It is said that Fehmi Pasha in this way obtained a cargo of timber, which is the subject of dispute.

GAMBLING JOINT

Held Conference With Three of His Counsel In Cell Yesterday.

IS CHEEREUL AND ATE WELL

Stories of Insane Acts During THREATENED TO KILL HER His Minority Keep Cropping Out-Truxton Beale, Who Has Himself Claimed the Defense of "Unwritten Law," Will Testify.

TRIED TO KILL MAN WITH FORK

Painter was just leaving the house and met Davis at the door. He instantly drew a revolver and said he had no money; that he had eaten nothing for some time, and was desperate. He demanded that she give him money and food, and if she refused he would "blow her brains out."

Greatly frightened Mrs. Painter was afraid to move away, as Davis was holding the revolver at her bead PITTSBURG, PA., February 3.—An incident illustrating Harry Thaw's ungovernable temper is being told here. When quite a young boy, Harry and a num ber of his companions played poker in the loft of the stable on the Thaw, es-Greatly frightened Mrs. Painter was afraid to move away, as Davis was holding the revolver at her head.

She expressed sympathy for his distressed condition and invited him into the house, There she talked kindly to Davis, asking him to tell her the events leading tate. The game had been taught then

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FOSTER AND BRUNK BOTH IN CHARGE

notes. In the counts leading up to his destitution. Following his story, she gave him a silver dollar and asked him to take the cartridges from the revolver. He broke open the gun and took out three bullets. The remaining three, however, were tightly fastened, and Davis was unable to remove them. Mrs. Painter procured a crochet needle nearby, and at her request Davis handed her the revolver. In a short time she extracted the remaining cartridges, and giving Davis another dollar he left the house.

Mrs. Painter immediately called police headquarters on the telephone and told her story. A number of dete sives searched for Davis all of Saturday evening without success. About 2 o'clock this morning No Further Action Will Be Taken Until After Tuesday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., February 3.-Quiet reigns at Eastern State Hospital to-night.

Dr. Foster is still actually in charge a out success. About 2 o'clock this morning word was sent to headquarters that a man named Davis had robbed his roommate of a gold watch and a sum of money, Several hours after the robbery Davis was arrested, and confessed that he had visited the Painter house.

Mrs. Painter said to-night that if the pollen ascertained that the story told by Davis was true regarding his unfortunate circumstances she would not prosecute him. superintendent, but Dr. O. C. Brunk, the superintendent elected by the General Hospital Board, is at the hospital, and says he will not leave. He is technically in charge, although Dr. Foster will not turn over the institution to him.

Dr. Brunk said to-night that there had been no change in the situation.
"I will remain here and shall not go to Richmond on Tuesday when the case is argued before the Supreme Court. No further action will be taken until after Tuesday."

PARIS STIRRED BY CHURCH RIOTS

WED OR BE TAXED

Four State Legislatures Are Hot After the Unmarried Men.

IMBECILES ALONE ESCAPE

The Money Secured from Taxes to Be Used for Road Building and Paying Teachers.

State for the benefit of the road fund of the State. The bill will apply to al inmarried male citizens over the age of

wenty-five years.

To Pay Teachers.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 3.—
Representative Oberling failed to procure advanced salaries for teachers, but

assessed at \$5. His bill provided a tax of \$7 a year for confirmed bachelors— those who are between forty and fifty. To Found Home. To Found Home.

DES MOINES, IOWA, February 3.—A bill will be introduced in the Iowa Legisture within the next few days, placing a tax on bachelors. Every bachelor past forty years is to be assessed \$25 per annum, and over forty-rive, \$30. The money will be used to found a home for unfortunate women. A clause provides that no bachelor may be taxed whose income is not over \$1.000 yearly.

Women to Decide.

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DOVER, DEL, February 3.—With the reconvening to-morrow of the Delawara Legislature Representative Bennum will renew his attacks on the bachelors of Delaware. He proposes to have a tax imposed on all unnarried men between the ages of twenty-five and forty, they being classed as bachelors, according to being classed as bachelors, according his bill. The mode of taxing as yet has not been determined, although it will likely call for the appointment of a commission by the Governor, of which some will be women.

WEDDING DELAYED BY BLOODY SUICIDE

Stranger Blows Out Brains in Presence of Bride and Groom.

RAIDED BY POLICE

Four White Men Captured in the Hill

City.

LYNCHBURG, VA., February 3.—A sambling resort in a secondistory room on Main Street, almost in the heart of the business section, alleged to have been one though the police, Taylor and four white ment perated by George Taylor, was raided carry this morning by the police, Taylor and Japnanese its not generally believed and Japnanese is not generally believed carry this morning by the police, Taylor with the raid. All were taken to the police station, where they were balled for their appearance Wednesday morning in the Police Court.

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The Fireman Jumped.

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French Apostolic Church Inaugurated in Face of Great

Opposition.

Crowd Call Him American Monkey-Police Expel. Fifty

HOOT ARCHBISHOP VILATTE

PARIS, February 3 .- Only the pre-Old Barnabite Monastery, which has been

Persons from the Church.

olic Church was inaugurated to-day. hostile reception, with the intention of a popular air, describing Archbishor Vilatte, head of the independent Cathof Public Instruction and Worship, de sired to make a French Pope.

General Tumult.

trated the already crowded building. Inhis sermon welcoming the approaching ity." When he thanked Archbishop Vli-atte for alding the French Catholics in helping the first church, saying he was consecrated by the patriarchs of Antioch, the successor of St. Peter, a shout in the rear of the edifice, "He is excommuni-cated!" was the signal for a general tu-mult, and Father Roussin finally was compelled to ask that the police be sum-moned.

Expelled Rioters.

About fifty persons were expelled from the church, and quiet was practically main-tained until Archbishop Vilatte appeared on the altar in the robe and mitre of an archbishop. Instantly the din began again with redoubled force, almost drowning his words. Nevertheless, he calmly continued, saying he had been a missionary

ins words. Accordingly continued, saying he had been a missionary
for thirty-six years, but no savage tribe
had ever prevented him speaking, and
concluding: "Even to those who interrupt and rovile me, I say I will not excommunicate. I wish you no ill. God be
with you, Amen."

A score or more of other persons were
then ejected before Archbishop Vilatte
proceeded with the cetebration of pontifical mass, in which he observed the
Catholic rites. During the elevation of
the host, the militant Catholics, instead
of kneeling, climbed into their chairs.
In the meantime the police had cleared
the streets outside the church, and there
were no demonstrations as the congregation left.

ENGINEER IN FOG RAN THROUGH DRAW

BEVERIDGE AT BEST, BUTTER-IN

Thinks His Debate With William J." Would Get Him the Limelight.

PRESIDENTIAL BEE BUZZING BUSILY

The Young Man from Chautauqua is Considered a Big Gun in the Scrub Woods, But His Reputation in Washington is Not So

Inflated.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.

A "Butter-In."

happy selection in choosing Mr. Beverldge is their spokesman—that is, assuming that Mr. Beverldge is not self-chosen. Mr. Beverldge may have the idea that the prominence he will get from debating with the acknowledged leader of the opposition party may yet make him the Republican nominee for 1908, but nobedy clee in Washington has that idea. Out in the Middle West, especially on the Chautauqua circuits, the impression prevalls that Mr. Beverldge is a big man in Washington. It would be a rude shock to many of the Indiana Senator's admirers were they to learn the exact estiers were they to learn the exact esti-mate placed upon the young man, not only by his fellow-Senators, but by other

only by his fellow-Senators, but by other Republicans in high official position. So far as the Republican nomination is concerned, the seneral impression in Washington is that Secretary Taft will be chosen, unless it should happen that President Roosevelt's enthusiasm over his War Secretary should place that gentleman too much in the attitude of being the administration candidate, Secretary Taft is generally conceded to be the best equipped man in public life for the presidential office. He himself is entirely unconcerned over the political outlook. It dential office. He himself is entirely un-concerned over the political outlook. It is no secret that personally he would much rather be Chief Justice of the Su-preme Court than President. However, it looks now as if the Republican choice will have to be between him and Vice-Presi-dent Pairbanks, and wise Republicans feel that the nomination of Pairbanks would mean party defeat. Indeed, of all "reactionaries," the Vice-President is rereactionaries, the vice-freshent is re-garded the worst, flis whole professional and political career has been in close al-flance with corporations active in Indiana politics.

Taft on the Card.

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If the Republicans do not nominate Mr,
Taft they will be in a bad way when it
comes to the active campaign of 1993.
They have other men who would make
good Presidents-Root, for instance, and
Cortelyou-but neither of these would be
as strong before the people as Taft; neither would be able to retain the Roosevelt
support as Taft would retain it Taft's
strength is with both wings of the party,
He is as honestly on the side of "the
people" as the President himself, and at
the same time he would be looked upon
as "safe and same" by the anti-Roosevelt
wing, being generally regarded as safer
in every way than his present chief.
In any event, there seems to be no
Beveridge in the picture,